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SUBJECT: FINAL RESULTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S APRIL 22 ELECTION

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Summary

¶1. (U) The April 22, 2009 national and provincial election in South Africa saw the African National Congress (ANC) earning the right to form the fourth consecutive government since the end of apartheid in 1994. The ANC leader will be its party president, Jacob Zuma, who will be inaugurated in Pretoria on May 9, 2009. Zuma has indicated that he will only serve for one five-year term, though the constitution allows the state president to serve for the limit of two consecutive five-year terms. The results of the national and provincial votes are recorded below.

¶2. (U) Helen Zille, after her Democratic Alliance (DA) gained more votes than ever before, continues to be the official opposition in Parliament. However, Zille will resign as Mayor of Cape Town to become the Premier of the Western Cape, as the DA won an outright majority in this province. The efforts by the DA to woo black voters had a positive result on their national vote total. The alienation of the large white and coloured demographics in the Western Cape gave the ANC its single largest electoral defeat in fifteen years.

¶3. (U) The "new kids on the block," the Congress of the People (COPE), translated their support to become the third largest party in the country and the official opposition in three provinces. COPE now has the potential to augment the impact of opposition votes in Parliament in collaboration with the DA to check the power of the ANC on specific pieces of legislation.

¶4. (U) Smaller opposition parties fared badly in this election with only a few of them retaining a presence in the Parliament or in the nine Provincial Councils. There is now likely to be the first consolidation of this new democracy's voter preferences across the political landscape in which three or four parties will dominate politics over the next five years. End Summary.

FINAL RESULTS FOR THE 2009 NATIONAL ELECTION

PARTY	VOTES	% VOTE	SEATS	% SEATS
ANC	11,650,748	65.90%	264	66.00%
DA	2,945,829	16.66%	67	16.75%

COPE	1,311,027	7.42%	30	7.5%
IFP	804,260	4.55%	18	4.5%
OTHERS			21	
Total Seats in National Parliament			400	

(ANC) African National Congress

(DA) Democratic Alliance

(COPE) Congress of the People

(IFP) Inkatha Freedom Party

PROVINCIAL ELECTION RESULTS - WESTERN CAPE

DA	1,012,568	51.46%	22	52.38%
ANC	620,918	31.55%	14	33.33%
COPE	152,356	7.74%	3	7.14%
ID	92,118	4.68%	2	4.76%
ACDP	28,995	1.47%	1	2.38%

Total Seats in Provincial Council 42

(ID) Independent Democrats

(ACDP) African Christian Democratic Party

PROVINCIAL ELECTION RESULTS - GAUTENG

ANC	2,660,267	63.99%	47	65.28%
DA	908,616	21.86%	16	22.22%
COPE	323,327	7.78%	6	8.33%
Others			3	

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Total Seats in Provincial Council 72

PROVINCIAL ELECTION RESULTS - EASTERN CAPE

ANC	1,552,676	68.82%	44	70.00%
COPE	308,439	13.67%	9	14.29%
DA	225,310	9.99%	6	9.52%
UDM	93,195	4.13%	3	4.75%
Others			1	

Total Seats in Provincial Council 63

(UDM) United Democratic Movement

PROVINCIAL ELECTION RESULTS - KWA-ZULU NATAL

ANC	2,192,516	62.95%	51	63.75%
IFP	780,027	22.40%	18	22.50%
DA	318,559	9.15%	7	8.75%
MF	71,507	2.05%	2	2.50%
COPE	44,890	1.29%	1	1.25%
ACDP	23,537	0.68%	1	1.25%

Total Seats in Provincial Council 80

(MF) Minority Front

PROVINCIAL ELECTION RESULTS - MPUMALANGA

ANC	1,110,190	85.55%	27	90.00%
DA	97,204	7.49%	2	6.67%
COPE	37,789	2.91%	1	3.33%

Total Seats in Provincial Council 30

PROVINCIAL ELECTION RESULTS - FREE STATE

ANC	734,688	71.10%	22	73.33%
COPE	120,018	11.61%	4	13.22%
DA	119,844	11.60%	3	10.00%
FFP	20,780	2.01%	1	3.33%

Total Seats in Provincial Council 30

(FFP) Freedom Front Plus

PROVINCIAL ELECTION RESULTS - LIMPOPO

ANC	1,265,631	84.88%	43	87.76%
COPE	112,325	7.53%	4	8.16%
DA	51,856	3.48%	2	4.08%

Total Seats in Provincial Council 49

PROVINCIAL ELECTION RESULTS - NORTHERN CAPE

ANC	245,699	60.75%	19	63.33%
COPE	67,416	16.67%	5	16.67%
DA	50,817	12.57%	4	13.33%
ID	19,995	4.94%	2	6.67%

Total Seats in Provincial Council 30

PROVINCIAL ELECTION RESULTS - NORTH WEST

ANC	783,794	72.89%	25	75.76%
COPE	89,573	8.33%	3	9.09%
DA	88,728	8.25%	3	9.09%
UCDP	56,678	5.27%	2	6.06%

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Total Seats in Provincial Council 33

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